REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	07 April 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Horses, Cows, Chickens, Eels
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Music Soundtrack Only

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Untitled (Horses, Cows, Chickens, Eels)	Running time:	28.30
Trailers:	Gold Medal Video Notice	Running time:	0.21
		Total Running time:	28.51

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled video recording also known as *Horses, Cows, Chickens, Eels* is classified as:
Objectionable.
The recording contains a feature which consists almost entirely of depictions of bestiality. Unrelated segments show sexual acts between humans and a chicken, a cow, a pig, a dog and several eels. Brief depictions of sexual activity between a man and a woman, and between two women, are included. A woman is also shown urinating and defecating on a live eel. Because of these depictions the publication promotes and supports bestiality and tends to promote and support the use of urine and excrement in association with sexual conduct. The publication is therefore deemed objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the FVPC Act).

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act), states that everyone has "the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form." Section 14 of the NZBR Act does not apply to this publication because it has been determined that it contains material which falls under the criteria of s3(2) of the FVPC Act. The provisions of s3(2) are deeming provisions which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms set out in the NZBR Act.

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